



GOOD MORNING & WELCOME

Welcome to everyone joining us for worship this morning. Whether or not you consider yourselves members of this congregation, we are glad you are here. If the flow of worship should seem unfamiliar to you, relax and let God's presence envelop you, without a worry about when to stand, sit or kneel. If you are new to St. John's, please sign our guest register.

**The Rev. Nathan Carr – Vicar
The Rev. Lisa Chronister – Deacon
The Rev. William Font – Deacon
Cynthia Cortright D.M.A. – Organist / Choir Director
Daisy Leyva-Lara, Children's Coordinator**

Serving Today:

**Cantor – Doug Rogez
Greeters / Oblationers – Marilyn Rogez and Trish Morgan
Lectors / Chalice Bearers – Sarah Greenley,
Nancy Steward and Pat Greaves
Acolytes – Ian Carr, Thomas Howard,
Charley Kolb, and Truitt Kolb
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The Fifth Sunday of Easter – Year A

Rite I – Holy Eucharist – May 7, 2023 – 10:15 AM

The Word of God

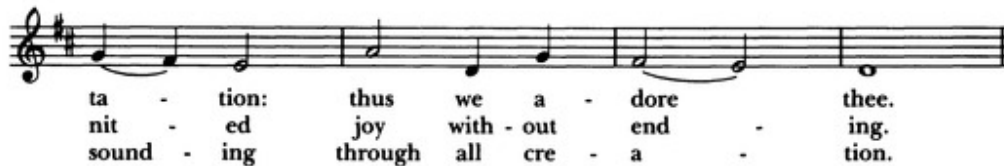
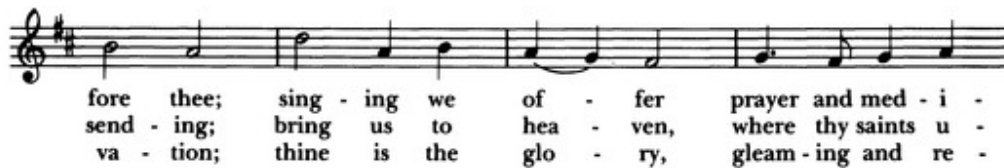
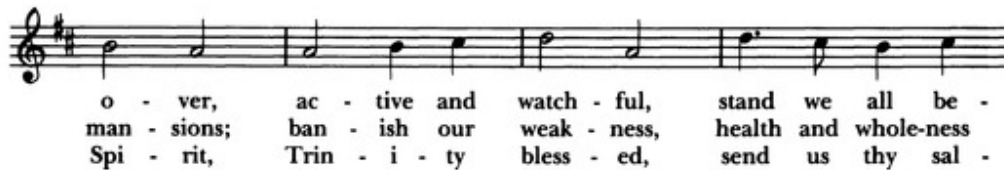
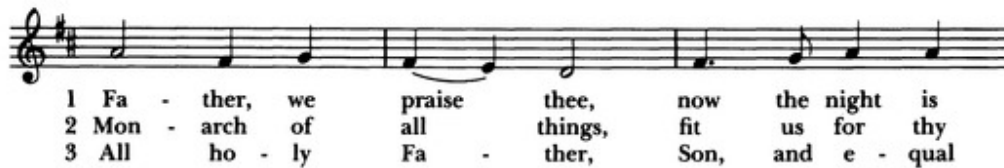
Prelude

Processional

The Hymnal, #1

Morning

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Words: Latin, 10th cent.; tr. Percy Dearmer (1867-1936)
Music: *Christe sanctorum*, melody from *Antiphoner*, 1681

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Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Summary of the Law

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Kyrie

The Hymnal, S91

Lord, have mercy upon us. (3X)

Christ have mercy upon us. (3X)

Lord, have mercy upon us. (3X)

Gloria

The Hymnal, S204

**Glory be to God on high,
and on earth peace, good will towards men.**

**We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee,
we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,**

O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

**O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.**

**Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.**

**For thou only art holy;
thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ,
with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.. **Amen.**

We Proclaim and Respond to the Word of God

The First Lesson

Acts 7:55-60

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

In te, Domine, speravi

- 1 In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;
let me never be put to **shame**; *
deliver me in your **righteousness**.
- 2 Incline your ear to **me**; *
make haste to **deliver** me.
- 3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,
for you are my crag and my **stronghold**; *
for the sake of your Name, lead me and **guide** me.
- 4 Take me out of the net that they have secretly **set** for me, *
for you are my tower of **strength**.
- 5 Into your hands I commend my **spirit**, *
for you have redeemed me,
O Lord, O God of **truth**.
- 15 My times are in your **hand**; *
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who **persecute** me.
- 16 Make your face to shine upon your **servant**, *
and in your loving-kindness **save** me.

The Second Lesson

1 Peter 2:2-10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

"See, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious;

and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”
To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected
has become the very head of the corner”,
and

“A stone that makes them stumble,
and a rock that makes them fall.”
They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.
But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may
proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Once you were not a people,
but now you are God’s people;
once you had not received mercy,
but now you have received mercy.

The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

The Sequence Hymn

The Hymnal, #487

1. Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:
such a way as gives us breath;
such a truth as ends all strife;
such a life as killeth death.

2. Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:
such a light as shows a feast;
such a feast as mends in length;
such a strength as makes his guest.

3. Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:
such a joy as none can move;
such a love as none can part;
such a heart as joys in love.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

The Holy Gospel

John 14:1-14

Jesus said, “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then

believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

People The Gospel of the Lord.
 Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Sermon

Reverend Nathan Carr

The Nicene Creed

BCP 327

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen;**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God of God, Light of Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.
Through him all things were made;
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man;
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen**

The Prayers of the People

Form VI

BCP 392

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Poulson our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

Leader and People say together

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against thee
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved thee with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in thy will,
and walk in thy ways,
to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Celebrant may add sentences from scripture

Please stand

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And with thy spirit.

Announcements

Birthday and Anniversary Blessings

Blessing Prayer

O God, our times are in your hand: look with favor, we pray, on all those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace; strengthen their trust in your goodness, and in their hearts may your peace, which passes understanding, abide all the days of their lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Offertory

Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord.
People: And of thine own have we given thee.

Offertory Anthem

Hallelujah, Amen
St. John's Choir

GF Händel

Hallelujah, Amen, Amen, Hallelujah, Amen
O Judah, rejoice in songs divine,
With cherubim and seraphim harmonious join,
Hallelujah, Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer I

BCP 333

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People It is meet and right so to do.

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said

Therefore, with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Sanctus

The Hymnal, #S114

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Hosts:

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

Blessed is he who cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people kneel or stand.

Then the Celebrant continues

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. Amen.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory
for ever and ever. Amen.**

And now the prayer of Spiritual Communion for those who are not present:

I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen

The Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Agnus Dei

The Hymnal, S158

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

Prayer of Humble Access

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We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

We Share the Gifts of God

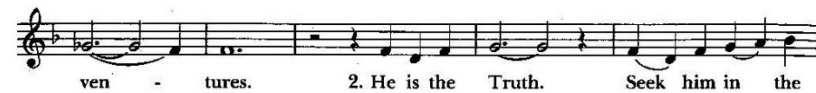
Holy Communion

Communion Hymn

The Hymnal, #463

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Jesus Christ our Lord



Words: W. H. Auden (1907-1973)
Music: Hall, David Hurd (b. 1950)

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Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Recessional**The Hymnal, #455**

1 O Love of God, how strong and true,
eternal and yet ever new;
uncomprehended and unbought,
beyond all knowledge and all thought.

2 O wide-embracing, wondrous Love,
we read thee in the sky above;
we read thee in the earth below,
in seas that swell and streams that flow.

3 We read thee best in him who came
to bear for us the cross of shame,
sent by the Father from on high,
our life to live, our death to die.

4 We read thy power to bless and save
e'en in the darkness of the grave;
still more in resurrection light
we read the fullness of thy might.

Dismissal Response: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

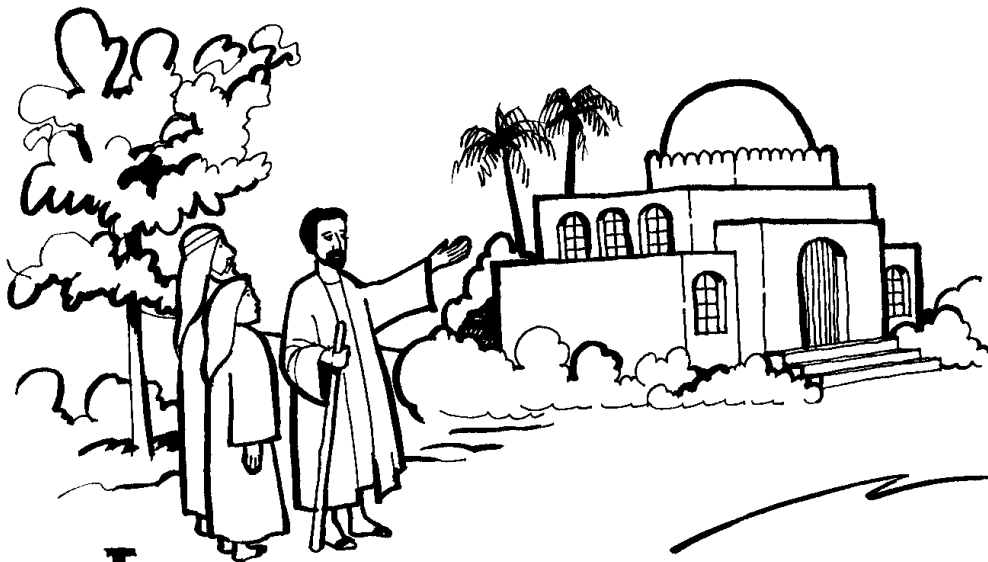
PRAYER REQUESTS

Please hold these souls in your ongoing prayers:

Bob
Beverly Bradley
Braiden
Lewis Honor Carr
Cynthia Cortright
Stephanie Dunham
Ed
Sharon Ellington
Joyce Ezell
Jim Freeman
Tom Freeman
Myrna Gowman
Steve Hammontree
Jean Inge
Jessica
Judd
Sarah Kramer

Denys Lenets
Jean Ledet & Chad
Dixon
Kara Lynn
Tony Marruchella
Leland Mayo
Betty & Delbert Millican
and Ryan Lightfoot
Trish Morgan
Paul Mosier
David Nelson
Joy Nelson
The Nichols Family
Babette Patton
Patty
The Pearson Family
Monte Pratt

Mary Anne Reed
Mathew Reynolds
Kathleen Rhodes
Rob, Ruthie and
Samuel
Adrienne Robertson
Betty Sinclair
Family of Kenneth
Sosna
John Steward and
Lee DeWitt
Martha Steward
Nancy Steward
Ed Tebow
Donna Walters
Colette Amelia
Wantland McDonald
Ginny Wynn



**I AM GOING TO PREPARE
A PLACE FOR YOU** JN. 14: 2

Altar Gifts

The Candle and flowers were given today by Vivian and John Dewar. The candle is given in thanksgiving for granddaughters, Ally Claire, Camey, and Caroline. The flowers are given in memory of Jane Dewar White.

If you would like to donate towards flowers in memory or honor of someone close to you, please call Nancy at the church office. Suggested donation for the altar flowers is \$50, or \$10 for the sanctuary candle.

Birthdays This Week

7 – Jeff Morgan

10 – Jackie Blake

Announcements

“Church History – The Reformation” led by Steve Orwig continues . . .

WEEK NINE (May 7)

Elizabeth I and Richard Hooker—

1. What do Anglicans mean by the “*via media*”?
2. What do Anglicans mean by the “three-legged stool”?

TODAY, May 7 – Plan to stay over a bit this morning for the Blessing of the Pet Ashes Garden and the first Pet Blessing service following the Sunday service. We will process out and down the path together. **All are welcome!!!**

Wednesday, May 10, at 5:30 pm – Evening Prayer, Mary Chapel

Saturday, May 13 at 5:00 pm – All the World’s a Stage, a free OKC Handbell Ensemble performance, will be presented at St. John’s Church. Mark your calendar for this early evening event!

Sunday, May 21 – Bike to Worship Day. Find information in the Fab Friday.

St. John's is looking to hire a nursery worker who can commit to two / two-and-a-half hours per week for consistent service in our nursery. Background check and Safe Church training will be required. Please contact Nancy if interested.

Daughters of the King Discernment Classes started on May 6 and will continue for the next seven weeks. It’s not too late - women interested in becoming Daughters of the King are encouraged to attend the May 13 session #2. Seven more sessions are planned, led by Nancy Steward and Kathleen Ferguson.

In light of recent events, the Bishops Committee has been reviewing our safety and security guidelines. **As a safety precaution, a member of Bishop's Committee (BC) will lock the front door of the church after the Sunday service begins.** The BC member will remain near the door, for the duration of the service, to provide access for anyone arriving late for the service. Safety precautions are under review for other services. More to come.